

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

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### THE DEATH OF RESNATI.

The machine in which Capt. Antonio Resnati was killed Friday was not an American made biplane. It was an Italian made Caproni, brought into this country a few days ago and assembled by Italian mechanics. It "side slipped" when the Italian attempted to make a turn too soon after leaving the ground. One wing struck the field and the craft overturned, falling upon the aviator and crushing him to death.

Investigation of the accident by a board of army airplane officers, showed that there was nothing at fault with the construction or assembling of the biplane. A rough spot on the ground from which the flight started the inquiry board stated, slowed up the ascent and when Resnati attempted to make a change the machine lacked sufficient momentum.

Resnati, upon his own request, was taking the new plane on its maiden trip. The machine was to have been sent to Chicago for exhibition purposes.

The Italian flight captain, who came to the United States to demonstrate the efficiency of large airplanes in war, had an international reputation. After serving as an aviator with the Italian forces on the Isonzo front, where he was wounded five times, Resnati brought a Caproni plane here and performed the brilliant feat of carrying nine passengers from Hampton Roads, Va., to Mineola, a distance of 325 miles, in four hours and 25 minutes.

A German paper says only 1852 tons of grain from Ukraine have been received "about one fifth of what we ought to have had."

Two of the new Methodist Bishops—Moore and Darlington—are natives of Kentucky and the third—McMurry—is a resident of the state. That makes half of the six.

Secretary Baker has presented to Mrs. Arthur McArthur, widow of Lieut. Gen. McArthur and mother of Col. Douglas McArthur, chief-of-staff of the Rainbow division, the helmet taken from the head of the Bavarian officer her son captured single handed in a trench raid several months ago.

Army orders announce the retirement of Maj. Gen. Franklin Bell from command of the Seventy-seventh national army division. General Bell recently was examined for duty abroad. The report of the medical board was not made public. For the present General Bell is to remain in command at Camp Upton.

President Wilson alone appears to stand between George Creel, chairman of the committee on Public Information and a formal demand from Congress that he be dismissed from office. An investigation of the committee on Public Information by a committee named by Frank P. Glass, President of the American Publishers Assn., will start next week. Creel has received advice to this effect.

The Kaiser has issued a proclamation concerning Lithuania in which he says it is assumed Lithuania will participate in the war burdens of Germany. Lithuania is one of the former Russian border states, which the Germans have attempted to set up as a nominally independent country. The attempt to enroll a Polish army on the same plea that is now made in the case of Lithuania was a failure and the Polish legion was disbanded. The Vodkaerts of Berlin, said that strong opposition was developing among the Lithuanians to transforming their country into a German semi-federal state. Entire independence is demand. The Lithuanians number about 2,000,000.

### WARNING TO CAR OWNERS.

Officer Witherspoon, the night traffic policeman, is having more trouble with automobiles on Main and Ninth street. He insists that all cars be parked close to the curb, only one row on a side and always parked to the right. Head the machine in so it can be backed out. Keep both front lights burning when the cars are in operation. This applies to everybody. Officer Witherspoon says these regulations must be observed and will be rigidly enforced. Avoid arrest.

# PRESIDENT'S GREAT HIT

## Pittsburg Explosion A Stupendous Horror

### GREATEST CATASTROPHE IN HISTORY OF THE DISTRICT; DEAD KNOWN TO EXCEED 170

BODIES OF MEN BLOWN HIGH  
INTO THE AIR AND THREE  
SEPARATE EXPLOSIONS  
COMPLETE THE WORD  
OF DESTRUCTION.

(By International News Service.)

Pittsburg, Pa., May 18.—In the greatest and most kaleidoscopic explosion and catastrophe in the history of the Pittsburgh district, which occurred this afternoon at the plant of the Aetna Chemical Company, at Oakdale, 170 men of more than 500 workmen employed in the plant, it is believed have been killed and practically all of the others injured. The first explosion occurred in the soda house, the impact setting off trinitrotoluol, a most powerful explosive, which is being manufactured for the government. Men were suffocated for several hours by sulphuric acid fumes which permeated the air within half a mile, making death in that radius highly probable. From this together with the heat of the fire, the work of rescue was handicapped, doctors and nurses being unable to aid the injured lying on the ground with burning embers falling about them. Following the third explosion bodies of men were seen shot high into the air. The arm of a man was found three-quarters of a mile away.

## MRS. CULVER GIVES MULE

Mrs. A. J. Culver of the county has donated a fine mule to the Red Cross. This mule will be sold tomorrow morning at 10:30 in front of the court house. Col. A. S. Tribble is doctoring his throat now to be prepared to cry the sale of the animal. It's a fine mule and prices are high and demands great. Consequently, the Red Cross people are glad.

### PARK SPOONING OKAY, SAYS CLEVELAND CHIEF. IF CONFINED TO BENCHES.

(By International News Service.)  
Cleveland, Ohio, May 18.—If the cops in your town won't let you spoon in the park, come over to Cleveland. It is all fixed here and Cupid has the key to all park gates. Cupid (that is, Chief of Police Smith) says police will not bother lovers in Cleveland parks if they do not annoy other park visitors. Rowdies and others will not be allowed to "spot" them with flash lights or embarrass them in any other way. Smith orders, under pain of arrest. But the chief also advises the loving ones to stick to the park benches for their spooning. Instead of searching out in the real dark spots, as the benches are secluded enough for loving and the chance of disturbance is less in the open than in the secluded spots, the chief opines.

### NEVER PLAYED HOOKEY!

(By International News Service.)  
Manitowoc, Wis., May 18.—Albert Tegen, high school boy, has a perfect school record for the past twelve years, or during his entire school course. He was not absent or tardy during that entire time. Tegen, who is only sixteen years old, will serve on the lake steamer *Winchire, Jr.*, at Buffalo this summer.

## WILL LEAVE ON MAY 27

CONTINGENT OF 105 TO BE SELECTED MAY 25—REGISTRATION JUNE 5.

One hundred and sixty-nine men of Class One are being notified to report Saturday, May 25, which is next Saturday, at which time the Local Board will select 105 who will go to Camp Taylor May 27. It is expected that the balance of our next quota of 235 will be ordered early in June. This balance of 130 will probably include a number of colored men.

Congress has passed the bill requiring all men who have become of age since June 5, 1917, to register under the draft. The date of registration will again be on June 5 and preparations are already under way for this.

## DABNEY WINS FIRST HONOR IN THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ORATORICAL CONTEST FOR KENTUCKY.

Lexington, Ky., May 18.—The thirty-first annual Kentucky oratorical contest, held at Transylvania College here last night, was won by Edward Dabney, of the University of Kentucky, who spoke on "Conquer or Submit." M. O. Ross, of Kentucky Wesleyan College, won second on the subject, "The Price of Victory." Other contestants were H. Martin, Berea College; Clyde V. Mullins, Georgetown College; A. H. Barber, Centre College, and Hansford Gudgeon of Transylvania College.

The judges were: Ezra T. Franklin of Barbourville; Frank Clark, of H. V. McChesney, of Frankfort; Emmett Dickson, of Paris; Lillard Carter, of Lawrenceburg, and Dennis Smith, of Paris. George V. Moore, President of the Kentucky Inter-collegiate Oratorical Association, introduced the speakers.

The above dispatch records the triumph of a Hopkinsville boy, the 20-year-old son of former Mayor Frank W. Dabney. Edward Dabney took the class oratorical honors in the graduation class of the Hopkinsville High School a few years ago and has won similar honors at the State University. His friends here are delighted to know of his newest success as an orator.

### CAPT. CHERRY FINED.

The case against Capt. S. A. Cherry conductor on the T. C. Railroad, charged with carrying whisky into Nashville in milk cans, was called before the U. S. Commissioner Tuesday and Capt. Cherry was put under a \$1,000 bond. Later he was tried in the city court and fined \$50 and bound over to the criminal court.

The art of achievement for Christians is doing something, not somebody.

## WILSON LEADS 75 THOUSAND IN PARADE

MARCHES THROUGH NEW YORK  
STREETS ON FOOT AND LATER  
SPEAKS ON THE WAR.

(By International News Service.)

New York, May 18.—President Wilson tonight officially opened the Red Cross drive here. President Wilson, marching a foot, led the parade of 75,000 men and women through the streets. In his speech to-night he declared that there are two duties: First to win the war; second to win it greatly and worthily. He asked why the army should be limited to 5,000,000 men, and said that every ship that can be employed shall carry men and supplies. He announced the intention to stand by Russia as well as France. "We are not to be diverted from the grim duty of war by any insincere talk of peace," he said. "If they wish peace, let them come forward to a fair and just conference, with fair terms."

The President was given an ovation when introduced by Cleveland E. Dodge, who announced that the president had walked in the parade this afternoon at his own suggestion. The entire audience rose and amid an uproar gave him a demonstration: "Vowing allegiance to the President of the United States."

## BIG ROUND UP OF SINN FEINS

(By International News Service.)  
London, May 18.—Five hundred arrests have been made in Ireland, following the discovery of the Sinn Fein—German plot. Edward Devalera, President of the Sinn Fein, is a prisoner on a British warship.

### "BOY, PAGE ANANIAS," HERE'S PATRIOTIC ROOSTER.

(By International News Service.)  
Fort Lupton, Col., May 18.—This city boasts of a cock that not only looks the typical symbol of Democracy, but acts and literally speaks the part. The patriotic chanticleer is the property of Mrs. Don Elliott, who is authority for the story that he fowl crows lustily every time he hears the "Star Spangled Banner," "America" and Dixie, and that he sulks at the strains of any German air.

### NEW FACE AT CAYCE-YOST CO'S

Mr. Ed Cliborne, who was formerly a salesman in the hardware store of John Young on 6th street, has accepted a similar position with the Cayce-Yost Co. on Main street and will be glad to have his friends call on him there. Mr. Cliborne succeeds Mr. M. T. Carter in this position and Mr. Carter will move to the C. R. Bouldin farm on the Julien pike, he having recently purchased the farm from Mr. Bouldin.

### KILLED AS SEAPLANE HITS PIER

Norfolk, Va., May 18.—Ensign Calvin Crawley, U. S. N. R., of St. Louis was killed at the Hampton Roads operating base air school here Friday when a seaplane he was piloting struck a pile in landing.

## Both Sides Resort to Raids --Allies Are Successful

### GERMANS TRY TO ENTER LINES OF THE AMERICAN SECTOR AND SOON COME TO GRIEF

AUSTRALIANS GO OUT HUNTING  
FOR GAME AND COME BACK  
WITH PRISONERS AND MA-  
CHINE GUNS WITHOUT  
LOSSES.

(By International News Service.)

American Army in France, May 18.—A German raiding party consisting of fifteen men made a raid on our lines in Picardy last night. The raid failed, the leaders being killed and several Germans wounded. Prisoners recently taken were all under 20 years of age.

### British Take Prisoners.

London, May 18.—Two successful raids are reported by tonight's statement from Field Marshal Haig. In one Australian troops took 21 prisoners and a machine gun without loss to themselves. German artillery has been more active around Villers-Bretonneux.

### Imitate Allies.

Amsterdam, May 18.—Germany and Austria-Hungary have unified their command on the Italian front.

## MISS LILLY AND DR. WELCH HERE

COMING TO SPEAK AT TABER-  
NACLE TUESDAY NIGHT IN  
BEHALF RED CROSS.

Christian county people are most fortunate again in being given an opportunity to hear two of the best speakers in the entire country at the Tabernacle Tuesday night. Chairman James Breathitt, Jr., has been most fortunate in securing Miss Lilly and Dr. Charles Welch. Dr. Welch is a Presbyterian pastor of one of the big churches of Louisville. He was in charge of the speakings here when the Liberty Special Train was here recently. Miss Lilly has spent three years in France on the battle front as a trained Red Cross nurse and she will be able to make many wonderful revelations to us in regard to the work of the Red Cross.

Dr. Brewster, pastor of the largest church in Cleveland, Ohio, and one of the most powerful speakers in the country, and Private Vincent, of the Canadian Expeditionary force, who has been decorated with the Russian medal of St. George and other war medals for conspicuous bravery, will speak at the Tabernacle next Thursday night.

R. E. Cooper has been selected to have charge of the country campaign outside the city of Hopkinsville and he will make his big drive either Friday or Saturday.

Bethel Woman's College  
Graduation Recital  
Miss Pauline Terry Petrie, Reader,  
Assisted by  
Miss Grace Richards, Pianist,  
Tuesday Evening, May 21, 1918.  
8:15 O'Clock.

### ITALIAN AVIATOR KILLED.

New York, May 17.—Captain Antonio Silvio Resnati, of the Royal Italian flying corps, who piloted ten passengers in the Caproni biplane from Washington to New York recently, was killed at Hempstead flying field today.

## PHYSICAL CONNECTION PROBABLE

COMMITTEE THAT WENT TO  
WASHINGTON BRINGS BACK  
A GOOD REPORT.

### ENCOURAGING RECEPTION

TOLD THAT THERE SEEMED TO  
BE NO REASON WHY THE RE-  
QUEST SHOULD NOT BE.

Messrs. W. B. Anderson and Geo. E. Gary returned last night from Washington. In company with Garner E. Dalton, Secretary of the H. B. M. A., State Railroad Commissioner L. B. Finn and Assistant Attorney General John C. Duffy they held a conference with the Railroad Administration last Tuesday to urge that physical connection be made between the systems in this city that have refused to make such connection since 1892. Mr. Dalton went on to New York and the other gentlemen stopped in Louisville.

They met with much encouragement from the secretary of the Board who represented Director General McAdoo. After a patient hearing, the case being presented by Mr. Finn and Mr. Duffy, the statement was made that the request was in accord with the settled policy of the administration. Various roads in Dayton, Louisville and other larger cities had been ordered to make physical connection and there seemed to be no good reason why Hopkinsville should not receive the same kind of benefit. It facilitated the plans of routing freight that were being adopted everywhere. In this case the adjustment of the matter would come under the jurisdiction of the Southern Regional Director, President C. H. Markham, of the Illinois Central Railroad company. Mr. Markham has all along been in favor of connecting his road with the L. & N. and if he is given the authority there is little doubt that the order will be forthcoming in the very near future. The three roads of Hopkinsville are as a matter of fact within four feet of each other in the yards of the Mogul Wagon Company and the Climax Mills. The L. C. and T. C. roads already use the same belt line that runs into the plants above named. The L. & N. has its own spur running into them. The connection of these two lines can be made at a nominal cost and within a day or two after the order is made. The Business Men's Association has often tried in vain to bring about this connection. It has caused a haul of nearly 90 miles around to Princeton and Nortonville, or freight would have to be transferred by hauling four squares from one road to the other. The news that the committee met with such encouragement will be received with much satisfaction. The committee is to be congratulated upon its good work.

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## EVERYTHING IN READINESS

FOR BIG RED CROSS PARADE  
MONDAY MORNING—WILL  
FORM IN VIRGINIA PARK.

The various committees in charge of the different phases of the big Red Cross parade to take place Tuesday morning have completed their work, except a few details to be worked out Monday and there is every assurance that this will be one of the biggest parades ever pulled off in this city.

This parade will inaugurate the big Red Cross drive which will continue all next week for the purpose of raising the \$13,000, and more, allotted to this county as its quota of the \$100,000,000 for the United States.

The chief marshal in charge of the parade will be Aubrey Tuggle. Everybody will assemble in Virginia Park at ten o'clock a. m. and the parade will start at 10:30 and will proceed down Ninth street to Virginia south on Virginia to Alumni avenue and across to Main, and north on Main to the court house. Different sections of the parade will form as follows:

Lebkuecher's band.  
Floats.  
City Officials.  
Red Cross Workers.  
Mothers of Soldiers.  
Civil War Veterans.  
Boy Scouts.  
School Children.  
Out of Town People.  
County Contingent.  
Colored Red Cross Workers.

Every mother who has a son in the service is wanted to ride in the mothers' section of the parade. A great many cars will be needed and every person who will use his car will please notify Mr. Tuggle or one of the Mothers Committee, who are Mrs. Henry Frankel, Mrs. Sallie Warfield, Mrs. W. T. Tandy and Mrs. Dr. Stites.

Do not remain out of the parade because somebody has not invited you to go. You are as much invited as anyone else and the managers want you to feel it so and join in and help to make this the biggest parade ever given in Hopkinsville.

## MOTHERS OF SOLDIERS BOYS

All mothers of the city or county or of any other county who are in the city, are asked to take part in the Red Cross parade Tuesday morning at 10:30. Notify either member of the committee in advance if possible, whether or not you have a car. Be on hand promptly and reserve all seats in your car, if you have one, for mothers who will be without a conveyance.

MRS. W. T. TANDY,  
MRS. A. G. WARFIELD,  
MRS. FRANK M. STITES.

### MASONIC NOTICE.

Hopkinsville Lodge No. 37 F. & A. M. will meet in regular communication Monday evening May 20th, at 7:30 p. m. All members urged to be present. Visiting brethren welcome.  
T. F. CALLARD, W. M.  
E. C. FRYE, Secy.

By pecking on a dead tree the peckawood sends wireless message to his mate in the distance.